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For: HYDROGEN-ABSORBING ALLOY FOR BATTERY, METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY USING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants hereby call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached List of References. All of these references are of record in the parent application; copies need not be submitted (see 37 CFR §1.98(d)). This list of references is being provided to ensure listing of these references on a patent to issue in this application in accordance with the following paragraph of MPEP 609:

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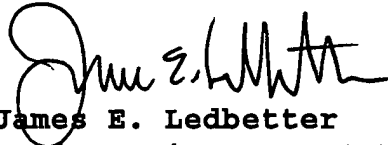
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and 106.

Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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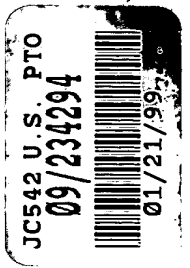
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Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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